



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENTS

In re Application of: )  
TSAI ET AL. )  
Serial No. 09/474,634 ) Art Unit: 1771  
Filed: December 29, 1999 ) Examiner: PRATT, C.  
For: Biodegradable Thermoplastic Nonwoven )  
Webs For Fluid Management )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002, a Response which is due on August 22, 2002, the present Amendment is submitted for a Continued Prosecution Application in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002. Applicants request examination in light of the following amendments and remarks.

A check in the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the Continued Prosecution Application. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$54.00 to cover the cost for three additional claims.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV 041602305 US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box CPA, Washington, DC 20231 on August 22, 2002.

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